I am appalled at the ruling that is apparently a done deal, despite the legitimate protests of the American public. Surely a couple of weeks more of a fair and open public forum about this issue is in order. Perhaps some of the TV conglomerates could at least announce the possibility that they will soon have exclusive rights over the airwaves.

We're on our way to a place that is very, very far from the democracy we call America.

Mr. Powell, please consider the many negative consequences that are likely, not just possible, with this ruling, and please take more time to make the information public. From all I read and hear, the FCC is now in the pocket of the media giants. I am appalled.

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